

THE ASHLAND TIDINGS

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TO OUR FRIENDS.

In assuming control of the TIDINGS we have few promises to make lest somewhere we might fall short of fulfillment. It is our design however to be untiring in our efforts to make the paper worthy of the good name it has already achieved in its brief life of a year and a month, and to continue to make it a valuable and welcome visitor in every household.

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The subscription list is quite a liberal one for an infant paper in a remote part of the land, but we hope to increase it considerably during the present year, thus widening the field of its usefulness, producing a more agreeable financial situation, and making possible some contemplated improvements in the future.

Hoping then for the hearty support of the people, promising good faith on our part in our efforts to make them an entertaining and valuable home paper, we take the helm this morning, "give the prow to the surf, the sail to the breeze" and sail out onto the sea of journalistic life.

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NOTICE TO PATRONS OF THE TIDINGS.

We have transferred all accounts to O. C. Applegate & Co., with whom all settlements will be made for us.

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THE GROVER INVESTIGATION.

We have thought proper to give our readers a condensed report of the Grover Investigation, feeling that it is right that the people should know whether or not those who represent them abroad are pure and spotless, or as nearly so at least as the average citizen. If Mr. Grover is guilty, let us know it, if not, let him have the benefit of the truth. For years these rumors of Senatorial bribery have been coming to our ears, and it is high time that we should know whether or not some of the peoples representatives go up there to be sold like slaves to the highest bidder. When the people—the sober, practical, honest majority with whom the real security of our institutions rests—are aroused, then we may hope for some tangible reform, and hereafter, be the result of this investigation what it may, we daresay the people will keep such an eye on our gathering of wise men at the capital as never beamed on them before.

THE GREEKS AND THE WAR IN THE EAST.

The New York Times has it that a new combination has been formed to unite the Greeks in vigorous opposition to Turkey. Probably an army of 20,000 men will soon be placed on a war footing. The Government seems a little timid but the popular voice is for war against the ancient enemy. The little kingdom should be careful—let her remember the unfortunate experiment of Serbia. By too rash action she may ruin her own country without materially damaging the enemy. Turkey is immensely her superior on water, and if not too much employed by her more powerful adversaries, might almost entirely destroy Grecian commerce. But it is said there are supreme moments in the destinies of nations when they may strike and risk all. This may be the very moment for Greece. Her people on the continent are ripe for insurrection, her old time enemy is in a struggle for life, and she could perhaps land a small army in Albania, Thessaly or Macedonia, encourage and strengthen the revolting Montenegrins and Bosnians and thus get her long wished for revenge.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A man named Kagle, who was living at Adin, says the Modoc Independent, died very suddenly on Tuesday of this week. He was sitting in a chair talking with his wife, and was apparently in good health when all of a sudden he complained of a pain in his head, and fell to the floor in a fit, and died about two hours afterward. A Coroner's jury was summoned, and a post mortem examination made by Dr. Hall, who stated that his death was caused by excessive drinking.

It is now supposed that Russia intends to cook Turkey's goose and means to hasten the operation by using a little Greece (grease).

GENERAL NEWS.

(Condensed from dispatches to the Oregonian.)

The Russians are pouring into Turkey at the rate of 10,000 a day.

The Consolidated Virginia mine, in July, cleaned up for the June run and got \$1,393,875.

The cabinet will visit the coal mines of eastern Pennsylvania as soon as they leave Washington.

60,000 head of Texas cattle have arrived on the Platte river, and 15,000 more are yet to come.

The Liberian Emigrant Society claim to have the names of 30,000 South Carolina negroes enrolled.

The total business failures in the United States and Canada for the past six months were 5,400.

The probate of the will of Com. Vanderbilt commenced on the 12th, on allegations filed by his daughter.

Servia proposes to fight Austria and is rubbing up her muscle for that express purpose, so she tells Russia.

Evidence is accumulating calculated to identify Brigham Young with the Mountain Meadows and other massacres.

Points in Minnesota, Iowa and Dakota report grasshoppers in large numbers flying with the wind, not much damage as yet.

The Orangemen of New York abandoned parades as part of their celebration of July 12, and will content themselves with excursions.

The Yorkville Savings Bank at Albany, suspended with 177 depositors, the average of each deposit being over twelve thousand dollars.

Wells has received a letter from Sec. Sherman, which is very bitter against the people for violating what he says was the terms of agreement.

England has her war fleet afloat and it consists of 24 vessels mounting 150 guns and 8,000 men, which looks as though something was going to happen.

The whites and blacks recently met at the scene of the Ellerton riots and passed the olive twig to and fro, agreeing to be good to each other in the future.

Gen. Ord has made amicable arrangements for the suppression of Mexican raids. President Diaz manifests anxiety to maintain friendship with the United States.

At the wheat growers' convention in San Francisco July 13 a resolution was adopted to ship wheat the coming season through the grange agency of that city.

More than twenty-four millions of trade dollars have been coined at the mints of the United States, nearly twenty-one millions of which have been exported.

London has a scandal in high life. Lady Tempest, a great friend of the Prince of Wales, has eloped with one Hungerford, and Lord Tempest swears he will shoot the fellow.

South Carolina negroes are preparing to leave for Liberia—holding meetings to facilitate the object. In some cases whites are becoming alarmed, for fear of the lack of negro labor.

The anniversary of the battle of Boyne was extensively celebrated in Ireland, by Orangemen, and without any disturbance. In Canada they had to have a big riot as usual.

San Francisco is in a bad way—the Democratic party is split wide open, the Republican party is in exactly the same predicament, and all four factions are scrambling for official spoils.

The District Attorney has filed a demurrer to the answer of Tilden; averring that the answer does not constitute a defense to the complaint or any part thereof. The case will go to trial.

Many of the roughs engaged in the Orange riot at Montreal are supposed to be strangers, some from New York State. Men absent without leave from large establishments have been dismissed.

President Hayes has decided that as the National Republican Committee will have no political duty for three years, they do not come within the restrictions of his office holders' order. This decision creates considerable surprise.

The Republican state convention of Mississippi made no nominations, and by a bare majority passed a resolution of confidence in President Hayes, after which a sine die adjournment was voted, which is the same as disbanding the party in Mississippi.

In a big lawsuit at Cleveland, O. over the liability of the property of the Catholic parochial school to taxation, on the grounds that such institutions are organized and conducted for purposes hostile to free institutions and in opposition to the public policy of the state, therefore not coming within the meaning of the exemption clauses of the statutes, Judge Jones rendered the opinion that the institution was exempt, under the law. The amount of tax claimed was \$3,900.

PERHAPS THE BLUE BUCKET AT LAST.

It is rumored that the Blue Bucket Diggings have at last been discovered.

Since the time that cattle herders with the lost emigrants of 1845 reported filling their shot-pouches with what appeared to be gold, somewhere on the Oregon Desert between Ochocho and Malheur river, perhaps a thousand men have hunted for the fabulous deposit of the shining metal in vain. We have heard of many tiresome tramps through the land of sand and sage, of old wagons found covered by vegetation of 30 years growth, of snow carried in blankets for days, by indefatigable prospectors, of almost every stone being hammered and turned, in a section of country large enough for a State or two, but all to no effect. Nevertheless we never have lost our faith entirely in the testimony of the lost emigrants, some of whom have since been among the most tireless of the prospectors. Possibly some one has at last struck his pick into the right place. The following we clip from the Grant County Times. The locality is not mentioned:

"The Blue Bucket Diggings excitement still continues unabated. Parties who left here two weeks ago still remain, and reports coming from there are all going to show that there is gold there and in paying quantities. Mr. Woolsey informs us that he put the wages which he believes can be made to the hand per day, much lower than the dirt will yield, so that he could not be accused of exaggeration. He showed us specimens which he washed out. The gold is very fine and of a good quality. Mr. W. says he has faith in the mines and intends to return and prospect vigorously next month. Rabbits have been found there, also what is known as the California Diamond—in nearly every case a positive proof of gold."

THE IDAHO WAR.

Latest News by Telegraph.

DISPATCH FROM GEN. HOWARD.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF THE COLUMBIA, CAMP WILLIAMS, Left bank of South Fork of Clearwater, near the mouth of Cottonwood, July 12th.

By making a forced march I struck the enemy at 11 p. m. yesterday, about 300 strong, in a deep canyon near the mouth of Cottonwood. I opened fire at once with a howitzer and succeeded in starting the Indians from their position. Passing around a transverse canyon for a mile and a half, I began the battle in good earnest, and dismounting formed in ravines and behind rock barricades, well prepared. For seven hours every charge we made ground on them. Still at night our position was not a very good one, as the enemy lay contiguous to my communications and I was short of rations. This morning, by a determined effort we regained our spring of water from some sharpshooters. This afternoon I gave our lines to the care of Captain Perry, commanding the cavalry, and Captain Miles the battalion of infantry, and drew out Capt. Miller's battalion of artillery acting as infantry. Just as we were ready to recommence offensive work Capt. Jackson with a pack train appeared in sight beyond the Indians' position. Miller pushed out in skirmish order, met the train and escorted it in successfully. They had hardly formed a junction with us when the artillery battalion, already beyond the enemy's flank, made a rapid movement taking Gatling guns and howitzer along.

The Indians made one desperate effort to flank Miller, but failed, and then gave way. Everything was then pushed to the pursuit. We shelled them rapidly from the high bluffs as they escaped, from the left bank of the river, and followed them escaping in every direction as far as the river, and are now across and going into camp at 7:30 p. m. The losses of the Indians appear to be thirteen killed and quite a large number wounded. We have Capt. Bancroft and Lieut. Williams wounded, also eleven enlisted men killed and twenty-four wounded. Their camps were abandoned in great haste, leaving much plunder. The Indians fought as well as any troops I ever saw, and so did ours, not one man falling in duty. I now believe that I am in the condition, just as soon as Green appears from Boise, to make a thorough work with these hostile Indians. They are making for the Snake country, and I for concentration at Mt. Idaho. Troops have never done harder or more rapid campaigning or better fighting than these.

O. O. HOWARD, Brigadier General Commanding.

Washington July 14.—Gen. McDowell telegraphs from San Francisco that he is rejoiced to hear of Gen. Howard's important victory over the Indians, which he considers very opportune as having a tendency to deter faltering Indians from joining Joseph's band.

GLEANINGS FROM EXCHANGES.

Mr. Coonce, who was reported drowned in the Yakima, turns up again "in the flesh."—Be.

Mr. Simpson, owner of the American bark Western Shore, is getting out timber to build at Coos Bay a still larger vessel, and in which he intends putting all the latest improvements. It will be finished in the highest degree of workmanship and will do much in adding still further to the reputation of Oregon fir and also the finishing wood for ship building purposes.—Sunday Welcome.

A colony from Canada, representing a capital of \$30,000, expect to settle at Grand Ronde, Polk county, next year.—Statesman.

It is said that an editor will take anything, but Bro. McPherson of the Tid-

ings wouldn't take the Deputy Collectors of Washington Territory revenue service.—Nucleus.

Speaking of the appointment of Wm. M. Turner as special agent to gather in stragling bands of Indians along the Malheur, the Yreka Journal says: "Turner is a gentleman of ability and energy and will make a good officer."

Co. A., 1st U. S. Cavalry, Lieut. Westendorf commanding, started Friday morning for the scene of the Indian disturbances in Idaho Territory. They go by way of Harney, where they are to join Major Greene's command.—Bibbitt Herald, July 7.

C. F. Becker, of Marshfield, while going up Isthmus Slough in a sail boat last Friday, was capsized and drowned. The body was recovered on Saturday last, about 100 feet from the place where he was drowned.

A VOLCANO.—A volcano with four distinct craters has broken out about eight miles from Funk's Springs, a Southern Pacific Railroad station, and forty-two miles west of Fort Yuma. It threw out smoke and boulders on the 11th ult., and emitted a noise like thunder, while the mud volcanoes that formerly were in active eruption are now still.—Yreka Union.

Mr. B. F. Nicholls writes from Dallas July 13: At about 6 this morning Mr. John Johnson, an old Oregonian, residing 4 miles below Chambers Mill, in Kings valley, Polk Co., committed suicide. He was at the barn. At 6 o'clock was called by his wife and he answered her. Some thirty minutes after, she went to the barn and found him hanging by the neck dead. He leaves a wife, two grown daughters and one or two other children. No cause assigned so far as heard. He was a respected citizen, and has a respectable and interesting family.—Oregonian.

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